

September 9, 2015

Re: Hill Top Subdivision

Dear Mr. Schnabel and Haines Borough Planning Commission,

I would like to first say thank you for allowing those of us most impacted by the proposed Hill Top Subdivision development to express our support or concerns. I am sorry I cannot be here in person to speak and listen to the discussion and plans.

I would like to encourage Mr. Schnabel and the Planning Commission to consider the current trends of Haines when it comes to approving or moving forward with the current development. It seems to me Haines as a community and myself included are supportive of development, when done in a manner that is conservative, responsible and promotes natural resources as well as outdoor recreation. The current subdivision plan does not appear to take any of these issues into consideration. But it could.

The lots could be divided into larger parcels. Planning could include trail networks and designated "green spaces". A subdivision of this manner could find the balance of development and natural living.

If the subdivision goes forward as it is currently planned it will significantly impact my quality of life and those of us who reside in this neighborhood because of its great location and access to undeveloped terrain. I personally run, hike, forage and ski in the woods that will be cleared for homes. I recognize this is private land and Mr. Schnabel has the right to develop as he and the planning commission see fit. If it were strictly up to me the area would not change at all. I do think a balance can be found that would lead to Haines gaining a great neighborhood instead of losing more of why many of us chose to live here.

Should the addition of 72 lots be approved for development, I may have to reconsider calling Haines my home.

Thank you for listening and consider a potentially alternative view.
I can be reached by phone or email or in Person after Oct. 5 if further discussion is desired.

For the Wellness of Haines,
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